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File No. 491

House Bill No. 5770

House of Representatives, April 15, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT AID TO PUBLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-164a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 (a) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall annually
4 request an appropriation to the Department of Higher Education equal
5 to the amount required, for the fiscal year two years prior, for tuition
6 waivers, tuition remissions, grants for educational expenses and
7 student employment under subsection (e) of section 10a-77, subsection
8 (e) of section 10a-99 and subsection (f) of section 10a-105. The
9 department shall allocate any such appropriation to The University of
10 Connecticut, each of the Connecticut state universities and each of the
11 regional community-technical colleges in accordance with a formula
12 approved by the Board of Governors of Higher Education. The
13 formula shall take into account the amount of federal student aid

14 received by students at each institution. The amounts allocated shall be
15 used to provide grants for educational expenses and student
16 employment for residents of the state who demonstrate substantial
17 financial need and are enrolled as full-time or part-time matriculated
18 students in a degree-granting program or a precollege remedial
19 program. [or are enrolled in Charter Oak State College and are
20 attending a public institution of higher education.] For each fiscal year
21 a minimum of ten per cent of the total amount of state student
22 financial aid appropriated to each institution which exceeds the
23 amount received by each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30,
24 1987, shall be used for student financial aid for needy minority
25 students in accordance with the board's strategic plan for racial and
26 ethnic diversity under section 10a-11. For each fiscal year a minimum
27 of five per cent of the total amount of state student financial aid
28 appropriated to each institution which exceeds the amount received by
29 each institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, shall be used
30 for on-campus or off-campus community service work-study
31 placements. Individual awards shall not exceed a student's calculated
32 financial need as determined on the basis of a needs analysis system
33 approved by the United States Department of Education. Financial aid
34 provided to Connecticut residents under this program shall be
35 designated as a grant from the Connecticut aid to public college
36 students grant program.

37 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section
38 to the contrary, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1989, and June 30,
39 1990, no institution shall have its allocation pursuant to this section
40 reduced for the subsequent fiscal year solely because the institution
41 did not use, for on-campus or off-campus community service work-
42 study placements, a minimum of five per cent of the total amount of
43 state student financial aid appropriated to the institution which
44 exceeds the amount received by the institution for the fiscal year
45 ending June 30, 1988.

46 (c) The Board of Governors of Higher Education shall request an
47 appropriation to the Department of Higher Education for each year of

48 the biennium equal to the amount set aside by Charter Oak State
49 College in the previous fiscal year for fee waivers. Such amount shall
50 not exceed fifteen per cent of the tuition and fees paid in the previous
51 fiscal year. The Department of Higher Education shall allocate any
52 such appropriation to Charter Oak State College to be used to provide
53 grants for educational expenses to residents of the state who
54 demonstrate substantial financial need and who are matriculated in a
55 degree program at Charter Oak State College. Individual awards shall
56 not exceed a student's calculated financial need as determined by a
57 needs analysis system approved by the United States Department of
58 Education.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Higher Ed., Dept.	-	13,000	Up to \$150,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill, which provides financial aid to Connecticut students, results in costs. The budget recently passed by the Appropriations Committee includes \$24,000 within the DHE budget for this financial aid program. This amount includes a transfer of funds from the COSC budget.

In FY 02, the Connecticut Aid to Public College Student Grant Program (CAPCS) will provide almost \$20 million in financial aid to students attending the University of Connecticut, Connecticut State University and the Regional Community-Technical Colleges. The bill establishes that similar aid would be provided to needy state residents attending Charter Oak State College (COSC). Currently, COSC waives fees valuing over \$20,000. Based on FY 01 figures, the bill would permit the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to request an appropriation of up to \$150,000 for this purpose.

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill creates, within the Department of Higher Education, a financial aid program for the Charter Oak State College to enable needy Connecticut students to complete a Charter Oak degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 48 Nay 0